

Human Services

Mission. The Human Services Department administers State and Federal grants to provide services to citizens, including housing and home ownership services, rent and utility assistance, and energy savings programs (weatherization). In addition, the locally funded Civil Rights and Services Division investigates and resolves discrimination and fair housing complaints.



The new Career Development Office is conveniently located at 444 E. William, near the Transit Center and the State Office Building.

Overview. The Human Services Department receives grant funding through the Department of Energy, the Department of Health & Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Kansas Department of Human Resources and the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. The funds support a variety of activities, including assistance with discrimination and fair housing complaints, employment assistance, housing, rent and utilities assistance, and homeownership and weatherization assistance.

Finance and Operations. In 1999, the City Council approved a transformation plan for the Human Services Department that reorganizes the functions of the Department under other departments or divisions. In 2000, the Civil Rights & Services Division, which handles discrimination and fair housing complaints, will move to the Finance Department. The move affords opportunities to address Equal Employment Opportunity issues with the other business development and monitoring activities already performed by Finance Department staff.

Functions associated with housing, such as weatherization and emergency shelter services will be transferred to a new Housing Services Department. In addition, Neighborhood Improvement Services, a grant-funded division of the Office of Central Inspection will transfer to the new Department in 2000. The transformation of the Human Services will have no net budgetary impact.

In 1998, the Housing Office and emergency shelter services were transferred to the Human Services Department. The Housing Division of Human Services pays 15 percent of the HOME program's administrative costs from local (general fund) resources. Also in 1998, the Career Development Division (CDD), which provides career training and placement services, was transferred to the Administrative Services Division of the City Manager's Office. CDD is in the process of consolidating its operations into a "one-stop" access point for these services.

Human Services Budget Summary					
	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	2001 Approved
Locally-Funded Expenditures:					
Civil Rights and Services	151,226	210,770	197,060	0	0
Housing Services Administration	41,080	144,260	153,880	0	0
Grant Matching Funds	55,000	87,243	87,243	0	0
Grant-Funded Expenditures:					
Workforce Development (KDHR/CSBG)	2,325,447	3,179,861	3,179,861	0	0
Wichita Housing Authority/Section 8 (HUD)	8,353,123	8,633,809	9,878,317	0	0
HOME Program (HUD)	1,610,000	1,725,000	1,725,000	0	0
Weatherization Assistance (DOE/KDOC)	326,989	316,937	316,937	0	0
Emergency Shelter Grants (HUD/KDOC)	164,922	236,539	236,539	0	0
Total Expenditures	13,027,787	14,534,419	15,774,837	0	0
Position Summary					
Locally-funded FTE	4.15	4.15	4.15	0	0
Grant-funded FTE	97.35	90.60	90.60	0	0
Total FTE	101.50	94.75	94.75	0	0